

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following replacement paragraph in marked up form:

This application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 as a continuation in part of ~~prior filed U.S. Application No. 11/999,373, which is a continuing application off of~~ of prior filed U.S. Application No. 09/693,713 filed on October 19, 2000, now U.S. 7,305,558, which claims foreign application priority to JP 11-301216 filed October 22, 1999 and to JP 2000-081712 filed March 17, 2000. This application also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from Japanese Patent 2002-207696, filed July 17, 2002, and from Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-022985 filed January 31, 2003, the disclosure of which also is entirely incorporated herein by reference.